

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application:

Please cancel claims 5-9 and 11-17 without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for controlling access to an electronic message~~ comprising:

specifying an addressee for an electronic message;

determining a message context for the electronic message by specifying one or more conditions selected from a group consisting of ~~comprising~~ a time condition of the addressee, a location of the addressee condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the addressee of the message can access the message, wherein the electronic message includes a context of an originator of the electronic message identifying plural conditions concerning an environment of the originator;

~~detecting the context of the addressee and comparing the context of the addressee with the message context; and~~

~~enabling access by the addressee to the electronic message when the detected context of the addressee corresponds to the message context.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1 2, wherein the group of conditions is augmentable with additional conditions concerning the environment of the addressee.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee relates to the devices that are proximal to the addressee.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee relates to the ambient temperature at the addressee.

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10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein access to the electronic message is enabled by~~ sending the electronic message to the addressee.

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18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising: ~~A mobile terminal for composing electronic messages:~~

~~comprising~~ a user interface of the apparatus configured to enable ~~that enables~~ a user to set a context for an electronic message by specifying one or more conditions selected from a group

consisting of ~~comprising~~ a time condition ~~of the addressee~~, a location of the addressee condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the message can be accessed by the addressee of the message, ~~wherein the apparatus is an originator of the electronic message, wherein the electronic message includes context information identifying plural conditions concerning the environment of the originator.~~

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for controlling access to an electronic message~~ comprising:

specifying an addressee for an electronic message;

determining a message context for the electronic message by specifying one or more conditions selected from a group consisting of ~~comprising a time condition~~, a location of the sender condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the sender, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the addressee of the message can access the message;

~~detecting the context of the sender and comparing the context of the addressee with the message context; and~~

~~enabling access by the addressee to the electronic message when the detected context of the sender corresponds to the message context, wherein the electronic message includes context information identifying plural conditions concerning the environment of the sender.~~

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising wherein the step of enabling access involves sending the electronic message.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising: A mobile terminal for composing electronic messages:

~~comprising~~ a user interface configured to enable that enables a user to set a context for an electronic message by specifying one or more conditions selected from a group consisting of ~~comprising a time condition~~, a location of the sender condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the sender, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the message can be sent to the addressee of the message, wherein the electronic message includes context information identifying plural conditions concerning the environment of the sender.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for controlling access to an electronic message~~ comprising:

receiving and storing an electronic message, having a context, in an inaccessible state within a terminal wherein the context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the message can be accessed, wherein the electronic message includes context information identifying plural conditions concerning the environment of a sender of the electronic message;

detecting a context of the terminal using one or more sensors;

comparing the detected terminal context with the message context;

enabling access to the electronic message when the detected terminal context corresponds to the message context.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the message context comprises one or more conditions selected from the group consisting of ~~comprising~~ a time condition, a location of the terminal condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the terminal,

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the enabling access comprises ~~access is enabled by~~ placing the stored electronic message in an Inbox of the terminal.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~of~~ claim 22, further comprising sensing of the environment by the one or more sensors ~~wherein the plurality of sensors sense the environment of the terminal.~~

26. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the plurality of sensors includes a proximity sensor.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the one or more ~~plurality of~~ sensors includes a temperature sensor.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the one or more ~~plurality of~~ sensors includes a location sensor.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the message is self-addressed.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus ~~A mobile terminal~~ for displaying the content of an electronic message, the ~~terminal~~ comprising:

a memory configured to store a received ~~for storing~~ an electronic message and a message context that specifies one or more conditions that must be satisfied before the message can be accessed, wherein sender context information identifying plural conditions concerning the environment of the sender of the electronic message is stored in the electronic message;

detection means for detecting ~~a terminal~~ context that varies with the environment of the ~~apparatus terminal~~ and comparing the apparatus terminal context with the corresponding stored message context; and

enabling means for enabling access to the stored electronic message when the detected ~~terminal~~ context corresponds to the message context.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus ~~A mobile terminal~~ as claimed in claim 30, wherein the one or more conditions of the message context are selected from a group consisting of comprising a time condition, a location of the ~~apparatus terminal~~ condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the apparatus terminal.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus ~~A mobile terminal~~ as claimed in claim 30, further comprising a user interface having an Inbox for incoming messages, wherein the enabling means places the stored electronic message in the Inbox.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus ~~A mobile terminal~~ as claimed in claim 30, further comprising a plurality of sensors for sensing the environment of the apparatus terminal and the detection means receives inputs from the plurality of sensors.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus ~~A mobile terminal~~ as claimed in claim 33, wherein the plurality of sensors includes a proximity sensor.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus ~~A mobile terminal~~ as claimed in claim 33, wherein the plurality of sensors includes a temperature sensor.

36. (NEW) A method comprising:

receiving an electronic message by a specified addressee of the electronic message, wherein the electronic message includes a context of an originator of the electronic message identifying plural conditions concerning an environment of the originator and includes one or

more conditions selected from a group consisting of a time condition of the addressee, a location of the addressee condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the addressee of the message can access a content of the electronic message;

detecting the context of the addressee and comparing the context of the addressee with the message context; and

enabling access by the addressee to the electronic message when the detected context of the addressee corresponds to the message context.

37. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store an electronic message and a message context that specifies one or more conditions that must be satisfied before the message can be accessed, wherein sender context information identifying plural conditions concerning the environment of the sender is stored in the electronic message;

a detector configured to detect a context that varies with the environment of the apparatus and comparing the apparatus context with the corresponding stored message context; and

a controller configured to enable access to the stored electronic message when the detected context corresponds to the message context.

38. (NEW) A computer readable medium embodied with a computer program, the computer program having instructions which perform the operations comprising:

specifying an addressee for an electronic message;

determining a message context for the electronic message by specifying one or more conditions selected from a group consisting of a time condition of the addressee, a location of the addressee condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the addressee of the message can access the message, wherein the electronic message includes a context of an originator of the electronic message identifying plural conditions concerning an environment of the originator.

39. (NEW) A computer readable medium embodied with a computer program, the computer program having instructions which perform the operations comprising:

receiving an electronic message by a specified addressee of the electronic message, wherein the electronic message includes a context of an originator of the electronic message identifying plural conditions concerning an environment of the originator and includes one or more conditions selected from a group consisting of a time condition of the addressee, a location of the addressee condition and at least one other condition concerning the environment of the addressee, wherein the message context defines conditions that must be satisfied before the addressee of the message can access a content of the electronic message;

detecting the context of the addressee and comparing the context of the addressee with the message context; and

enabling access by the addressee to the electronic message when the detected context of the addressee corresponds to the message context.